

**THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTUARY TO CONDUCT A LIABILITY VALUATION FOR POST
RETIREMENT MEDICAL SUBSIDIES (GPAA 37/2016)**



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1. Terms of Reference

1. Background

1.1 Health care in South Africa is expected to change dramatically over the next few years due to movement towards the National Health Insurance (NHI). It will result in fundamental changes of medical schemes' benefit structures and ultimately, affecting contributions payable. A drive to promote participation in the Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS) will result in significant changes. In addition, on 1st April 2012, 16,500 pre-1992 members of the Medihelp Medical Scheme were migrated to GEMS. This will have a significant changes to the members medical aid contributions by the state and thereby, resulting in changes to the overall expected liabilities by the state.

1.2 In 2014, Alexander Forbes Health (Pty) Ltd, was requested by National Treasury to estimate an actuarial valuation of the employer's liability as at 28 February 2014 arising as a result of post-employment health care benefits, The last valuation was performed by NMG Consultants and Actuaries ('NMG') as at 28 February 2009. A recommendation was made that the next valuation be performed as at 28 February 2015, especially if there are material changes affecting the liability.

1.3 Collective agreements concluded in May 2015 in the Public Service Co-ordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC), bring a new challenge for the government in respect of the continuation benefits. Resolution 2 of 2015 brings substantial changes to the subsidy as of 1st January 2015 as as the next three years the subsidy will be adjusted by the medical inflation index plus one. Implementation of the new resolution will result in an increase in the post-retirement medical liabilities over the next MTEF period by R1.9 billion.

2. Purpose

- 2.1** To solicit proposals from suitable service providers to conduct an actuarial valuation of the post-retirement medical liabilities in the Public Service. The service provider will be required to provide the GPAA with the following information:-
- a)** The estimated present value of National Treasury's commitment to subsidies of Medical Scheme contributions in retirement for its in-service and retired employees, their spouses and dependants.
 - b)** Expected cash-flows over the next five years relating to this liability to assist in providing estimates for the national budget.
 - c)** The fact that there is substantial changes to the subsidy in terms of Resolution 2 of the PSCBC as of 1st January 2015 by 28.5 % and subsequent increases of medical index plus one for the next three years.

3. Overall Objective Of The Assignment

- 3.1.** In conducting the actuarial valuation, the following principles of IAS 19 (AC 116) should be taken into consideration:
- a)** Reconciliation of the liability results between the previous valuation and the current valuation results.
 - b)** A projection of the annual expenses for the five (5) years following the valuation date; and
 - c)** Sensitive with respect to health care cost inflation and mortality assumptions.
 - d)** Policy changes in the post-retirement medical assistance dispensation as a result of collective bargaining agreements concluded in May 2015. Resolution 2 of 2015

4. Scope Of Work And Expected Outcome And Deliverables

- 4.1** The service provider is required to conduct an actuarial valuation of the pos-retirement medical assistance obligation in respect of current public servants for annual

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reporting purposes. The current membership includes approximately 92,000 current pensioners and about 1.4 million in-service public servants.

4.2 The scope of the duties and functions of the appointed service provider can be summarized as follows:-

- a) Issue an actuarial valuation report on the post-retirement medical liability obligation in respect of public servants.
- b) The report should be specific on the amounts and accounting disclosures that are required to be shown in financial statements in line with IAS19 and SA GPAA.

4.3 The report needs to include the following:

- a) Balance sheet liability.
- b) An analysis of gains and losses.
- c) Calculation of the various income statement components.
- d) Accounting disclosures to assist in the finalization of the annual financial statements.
- e) Projection of the actuarial for the next reporting period, and
- f) The report also needs to comply with APN301, the guidance note issued by the Actuarial Society of South Africa.

5. Competency And Expertise Requirements

The service provider should have experience in providing advices or solutions on medical assistance and particularly, in the public sector. The service provider should be registered as a Financial Service Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediaries Act of 2002, and has been issued with a license number.

6. Conduct Of The Work

6.1 The service provider will have to provide a full report (with an Executive Summary)

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that covers the deliverables as per the terms of reference.

6.2 The service provider should provide final reports no later than 2nd week in January 2017 from date of awarding of the contract.

7. Reporting Requirements

The service provider will report to the General Manager: Programme 2.1.

8. Proposals

8.1 Proposals submitted should include the following details:

- An introduction to the service provider, it's structure, composition of team and experience and company ownership.
- Indication of the relative experience of the service provider and staff to be dedicated to the project.
- A detailed project plan setting out the delivery and relative milestones, and
- A detailed pricing proposal including VAT as well as rates on a time charge basis.

9. Enquiries

Technical enquiries:

Mr. Mongezi Mngqibisa

Email: mongezi.mngqibisa@gpaa.gov.za

General SCM enquiries:

All enquiries must be made in writing to:

Mr. Mooshe Nkuna

E-mail: mooshe.nkuna@gpaa.gov.za

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10. Evaluation Criteria

1 = poor 2 = fair 3 = good 4 = very good 5 = excellent

Item No.	Evaluation Criteria Item 90/10 Principle	Weight
A	<p>Phase 1: Administrative compliance: Fully comply with specification and requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SARS Tax status certificate with PIN number • Completed SBD 3.1;(Pricing proposal) • Completed SBD 4; • Completed SBD 8; • Completed SBD 9; • Technical Response (which includes: company profile, track record and previous experience, capacity and capability) <p>All SBD forms stated above should be completed in full signed and dated by an authorised representative of the bidder</p>	
B	PRICE (Phase 2)	90
C	-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	10
	Total	100
D	<p>Functionality(Phase 3)</p> <p>1.Prooven experience of the service provider, it's structure, composition of team and experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General expertise in medical assistance provisioning 5 • Expertise in conducting Actuarial Valuation models 10 • Experience of the Team 5 <p>2.Indication of the relative experience of the service provider and staff to be dedicated to the project Proven qualification and capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification and experience of team members 5 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational track record and capacity to take on project of this size and ability to manage it to the end 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry relationships and in particular relationships with relevant institutions and ability to negotiate on behalf of the project team the intended deliverables. 	5
3. Appropriateness and quality of proposed work plan methodology.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding and conceptualization of the assignment (technical approach and procedures) 	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed methodology and approach and level of clarity 	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility and alignment of proposed methodology with required outputs 	5
4. Project Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Management experience for similar services 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretation of the project objectives, the RFP and implementation methods 	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A complete set of clearly defined milestones, which depict the actual phase of the project and the time it will take to complete each phase 	5
NB Minimum 60% qualifications on functionality	
Sub-total	90
B-BBEE Status level	10
Total	100

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SBD 1

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF GOVERNMENT
PENSIONS ADMINISTRATION AGENCY (GPAA)

BID NUMBER: **GPAA 37/2016**

CLOSING DATE: **18 NOVEMBER 2016**

CLOSING TIME: **11:00am.**

DESCRIPTION: **THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTUARY TO CONDUCT A LIABILITY
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THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN
CONTRACT FORM (SBD7.1 / SBD7.2 / SBD7.3)

BID DOCUMENTS MAY BE POSTED TO OR DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED
AT GPAA ADDRESSED TO:

The CEO: Government Pensions Administration Agency (GPAA)

Bid Administration

34 HAMILTON STR

ARCADIA

PRETORIA, TSHWANE

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Bidders should ensure that bids are delivered timorously to the correct address. If the bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration. The bid box is generally open 8 hours a day between 08:00 to 16:30, Monday to Fridays.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE STANDARD FORMS – (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED)

THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MUST BE FURNISHED (FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE BID BEING DISQUALIFIED) ALL STANADARD BIDDING DOCUMENT AS ATTACHED

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NAME OF
BIDDER.....
.....

POSTAL
ADDRESS.....
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STREET
ADDRESS.....
.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER
CODE.....NUMBER.....

CELLPHONE NUMBER

FACSIMILE NUMBER CODE NUMBER.....

VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER
.....

HAS A TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE BEEN SUBMITTED (SBD2)?
YES/NO

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER

DATE

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED
.....

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

2. In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:.....

2.2 Identity number:

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee,shareholder²):.....

2.4 Company Registration Number:.....

2.5 Tax Reference Number:

2.6 VAT Registration Number:.....

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2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / persal numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below. ¹“State” means –

- (a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (b) any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) provincial legislature;
- (d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
- (e) Parliament.

²“Shareholder” means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder **YES / NO**
presently employed by the state?

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:

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Name of state institution at which you or the person
connected to the bidder is employed :

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Position occupied in the state institution:

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Any other particulars:

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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain **YES / NO**
the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative
work outside employment in the public sector?

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attached proof of such authority to the bid **YES / NO**
document?

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where
applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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.....
.....

2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / **YES / NO**
trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct
business with the state in the previous twelve months?

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have **YES / NO**
any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person
employed by the state and who may be involved with
the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, **YES/NO**
 aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between
 any other bidder and any person employed by the state
 who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication
 of this bid?

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members **YES/NO**
 of the company have any interest in any other related companies
 whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....

3 Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Tax Reference Number	State Employee Number / Persal Number

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4 DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED
(NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE
IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN
TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT
SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of bidder

**PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL
PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2011**

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

**NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE
GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE
IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL
PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2011.**

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 The value of this bid is estimated to exceed R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the **90/10** system shall be applicable.

1.3 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.

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1.3.1 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
1.3.1.1 PRICE	90.
1.3.1.2 B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	10.
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

1.4 Failure on the part of a bidder to fill in and/or to sign this form and submit a B-BBEE Verification Certificate from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS) or a Registered Auditor approved by the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors (IRBA) or an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the Close Corporation Act (CCA) together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

1.5. The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

2..1 **“all applicable taxes”** includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;

2.2 **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad -Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

2.3 **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance using the relevant

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- scorecard contained in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 2.4 **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of services, works or goods, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- 2.5 **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- 2.6 **“comparative price”** means the price after the factors of a non-firm price and all unconditional discounts that can be utilized have been taken into consideration;
- 2.7 **“consortium or joint venture”** means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract;
- 2.8 **“contract”** means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by an organ of state;
- 2.9 **“EME”** means any enterprise with an annual total revenue of R5 million or less .
- 2.10 **“Firm price”** means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;

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- 2.11 **“functionality”** means the measurement according to predetermined norms, as set out in the bid documents, of a service or commodity that is designed to be practical and useful, working or operating, taking into account, among other factors, the quality, reliability, viability and durability of a service and the technical capacity and ability of a bidder;
- 2.12 **“non-firm prices”** means all prices other than “firm” prices;
- 2.13 **“person”** includes a juristic person;
- 2.14 **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in South African currency, calculated at the time of bid invitations, and includes all applicable taxes and excise duties;
- 2.15 **“sub-contract”** *means the primary contractor’s assigning, leasing, making out work to, or employing, another person to support such primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract;*
- 2.16 **“total revenue”** bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and promulgated in the *Government Gazette* on 9 February 2007;
- 2.17 **“trust”** means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person; and
- 2.18 **“trustee”** means any person, including the founder of a trust, to whom property is bequeathed in order for such property to be administered for the benefit of another person.

3. ADJUDICATION USING A POINT SYSTEM

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- 3.1 The bidder obtaining the highest number of total points will be awarded the contract.
- 3.2 Preference points shall be calculated after prices have been brought to a comparative basis taking into account all factors of non-firm prices and all unconditional discounts;.
- 3.3 Points scored must be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.
- 3.4 In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.
- 3.5 However, when functionality is part of the evaluation process and two or more bids have scored equal points including equal preference points for B-BBEE, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest score for functionality.
- 3.6 Should two or more bids be equal in all respects, the award shall be decided by drawing of lots.

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

4.1 THE 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

90/10

$$P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

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Ps = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

Pt = Comparative price of bid under consideration

Pmin = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

5. Points awarded for B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution

5.1 In terms of Regulation 5 (2) and 6 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	8	16
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5.2 Bidders who qualify as EMEs in terms of the B-BBEE Act must submit a certificate issued by an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the CCA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor. Registered

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auditors do not need to meet the prerequisite for IRBA's approval for the purpose of conducting verification and issuing EMEs with B-BBEE Status Level Certificates.

- 5.3 Bidders other than EMEs must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof, substantiating their B-BBEE rating issued by a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.
- 5.4 A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- 5.5 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid.
- 5.6 Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialized scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.
- 5.7 A person will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.
- 5.8 A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

6. BID DECLARATION

6.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

**7. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF
PARAGRAPHS 1.3.1.2 AND 5.1**

7.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: = ...(maximum of 10 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 5.1 and must be substantiated by means of a B-BBEE certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the CCA).

8 SUB-CONTRACTING

8.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? YES / NO (delete which is not applicable)

8.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- (i) what percentage of the contract will be subcontracted?%
- (ii) the name of the sub-contractor?
- (iii) the B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor?
- (iv) whether the sub-contractor is an EME? YES / NO (delete which is not applicable)

9 DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

9.1 Name of company/firm
:

9.2 VAT registration number :

9.3 Company registration number :

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9.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Company
- (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

9.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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9.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Professional service provider
- Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

9.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business?

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9.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contribution indicated in paragraph 7 of the foregoing

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certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and
I / we acknowledge that:

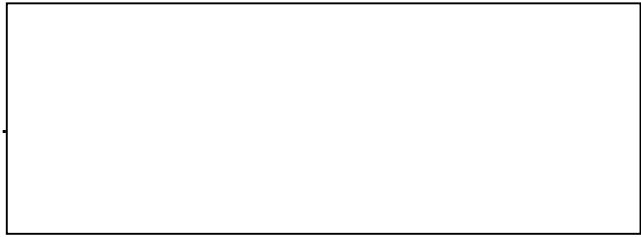
- (i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- (ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form.
- (iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraph 7, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- (iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contribution has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) restrict the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the audi alteram partem (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution

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WITNESSES:

1.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDER(S)

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DATE:.....

ADDRESS:.....

**DECLARATION OF BIDDER’S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES**

1. This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.

2. It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.

3. The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the institution’s supply chain management system;
 - b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - c. Failed to perform on any previous contract.

4. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury’s database as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

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4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? To access this Register enter the National Treasury’s website, www.treasury.gov.za, click on the icon “Register for Tender Defaulters” or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 3265445.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)..... CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

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¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf

of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:

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- (a) Has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation
 - (b) Could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) Provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
- (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) Methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) The intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) The submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) Bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

³ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

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10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

Annexure A -1

1.1. Bid Submission

1.1.1. Service providers will be permitted to submit bids by:

Hand: Government Pensions Administration Agency

34 Hamilton Street

Arcadia

Pretoria

1.1.2. **Closing Date: 18 November 2016**

1.1.3. **Closing Time: 11:00 am.**

1.2. Compulsory Briefing

A compulsory briefing will be held at 11:00 am on 07 November 2016 at GPAA, 34 Hamilton Street, Arcadia, Pretoria. Only bids received from service providers who attended the compulsory briefing will be considered.

1.3. Validity of Bids

1.3.1. Service providers are required to submit bids valid for 120 days.

1.4. Two-stage Bidding

1.4.1. For this bid a two-stage bidding procedure will be used.

1.4.2. Service providers are requested to submit their proposal in separate envelopes, with the technical proposal separated from the price proposal.

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- 1.4.3. A minimum number of five copies of the Technical proposal will be needed along with five copies on the pricing proposal which is in a separate envelope will be required.
- 1.4.4. Suppliers who fail to obtain a minimum score of **60%** for functional criteria will be eliminated.
- 1.4.5. Failure to comply with the above indicated provision will lead to a proposal being disqualified.

1.5. Late Bids

- 1.5.1. Bids received after the time stipulated will not be considered. They will be posted back to the bidder un-opened, to the return address specified on the outside of the envelope.

1.6. Clarification or Alterations of Bids

- 1.6.1. Service providers will not be requested or permitted to alter their bids after the deadline for receipt of bids.
- 1.6.2. Should requests for clarification be needed to evaluate bids then the bidder's responses should be made in writing.

1.7. Completeness of Documentation

- 1.7.1. It will be ascertained whether bids:
- a. Include original tax clearance certificates.
 - b. Have been properly signed and completed.
 - c. Are accompanied by the required securities.
 - d. Are substantially responsive to the bidding documents.
 - e. Are generally in order.

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1.7.2. If a bid is not substantially responsive, that is, it contains material deviations from or reservations to the terms, conditions and specifications in the bidding documents, it will not be considered further.

1.7.3. The bidder will not be permitted to correct or withdraw material deviations or reservations once bids have been opened.

1.8. Rejection of all Bids

1.8.1. GPAA reserves the right to reject all bids if and when deemed necessary. This is justified when there is lack of effective competition, or bids are not substantially responsive.

1.9. Associations between Service providers

1.9.1. Service providers may associate with each other to complement their respective areas of expertise, or for other reasons. Such an association may be for the long term (independent of any particular assignment) or for a specific assignment. The association may take the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy.

1.10. Bidders will be subjected to positive risk assessment report prior to award.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

Annexure A -2

GPAA PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The purpose of this Annexure is to:

- i. Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to GPAA bids, contracts and orders; and
- ii. To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with GPAA.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid should be compiled separately for every bid if applicable and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- 1.1. "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
- 1.2. "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- 1.3. "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.

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- 1.4. "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public employee in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- 1.5. "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its GEPF and encouraged to market its products internationally.
- 1.6. "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
- 1.7. "Day" means calendar day.
- 1.8. "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
- 1.9. "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
- 1.10. "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
- 1.11. "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
- 1.12. "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events

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may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.

- 1.13. “Fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14. “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15. “Goods” means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract
- 1.16. “Imported content” means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17. “Local content” means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18. “Manufacture” means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19. “Order” means an employee written order issued for the supply of goods for works or the rendering of a service.

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- 1.20. "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21. "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22. "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23. "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24. "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.25. "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of 96 electronic or mechanical writing.

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1. These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2. Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3. Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. GENERAL

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3.1. Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.

3.2. With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the State Tender Bulletin. The State Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.employee.gov.za.

4. STANDARDS

4.1. The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. USE OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION; INSPECTION

5.1. The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

5.2. The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3. Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.

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5.4. The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. PATENT RIGHTS

6.1. The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. PERFORMANCE

7.1. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

7.2. The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.

7.3. The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:

7.3.1. a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or

7.3.2. a cashier's or certified cheque

7.4. The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

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8. DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS

8.1. Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.

8.2. Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

9. INSURANCE

9.1. The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

10. TRANSPORTATION

10.1. Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

11. PAYMENT

11.1. The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.

11.2. The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfilment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.

11.3. Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.

11.4. Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

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12. PRICES

- 12.1. Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

13. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- 13.1. No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

14. ASSIGNMENT

- 14.1. The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

15. DELAYS IN THE SUPPLIERS PERFORMANCE

- 15.1. Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 15.2. If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.

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- 15.3. No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or local authorities.
- 15.4. The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.
- 15.5. Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.
- 15.6. Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

16. PENALTIES

- 16.1. Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

17. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

- 17.1. The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:
- a. if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
 - b. if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
 - c. if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.
- 17.2. In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

18. ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND RIGHTS

- 18.1. When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services

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which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him.

19. FORCE MAJEURE

19.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

19.2. If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

20. TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

20.1. The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

21. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

21.1. If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

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- 21.2. If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 21.3. Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 21.4. Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 21.5. Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
a. the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
b. the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.
- 21.6. Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6.

22. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 22.1. The supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser.
- 22.2. The aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

23. GOVERNING LANGUAGE

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23.1. The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

24. APPLICABLE LAW

24.1. The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

25. NOTICES

25.1. Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice.

25.2. The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

26. TAXES AND DUTIES

26.1. A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.

26.2. A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.

26.3. No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid, GPAA must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.